What will happen to Joshua and the others after sneaking into the fortress of the Jester division...?!

ジェスター猟兵団がたむろする砦に潜入したヨシュアたちは――!?

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―審判の指環―

The Ring of Judgment

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You guys just don't give up!
The Jesters!
Let's flush them out like this!
All right!

Looks like this isn't working too well.
Guess I should give my arts a bit more oomph.
His outfit is different from the others...
Could this person be...

The same goes for the jaegers, but...
Try not to take his life!
ESTELLE!!
But...
He's got the same eyes as the jaegers...
Toval, you're just telling me this now!?
He's got nothing to do with the jaegers!
That's-
a matter of course for a bracer!

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ヒタッ
バタ

But everyone was fine a second ago!
Why?!
No way...
Again...!

.....
Ah ...
Es-telle.
Or maybe...
Something else...
He was kidnapped... He might have been given something.
Maybe hypnotized, or drugged
A bracer!
Why?!

An "artifact."
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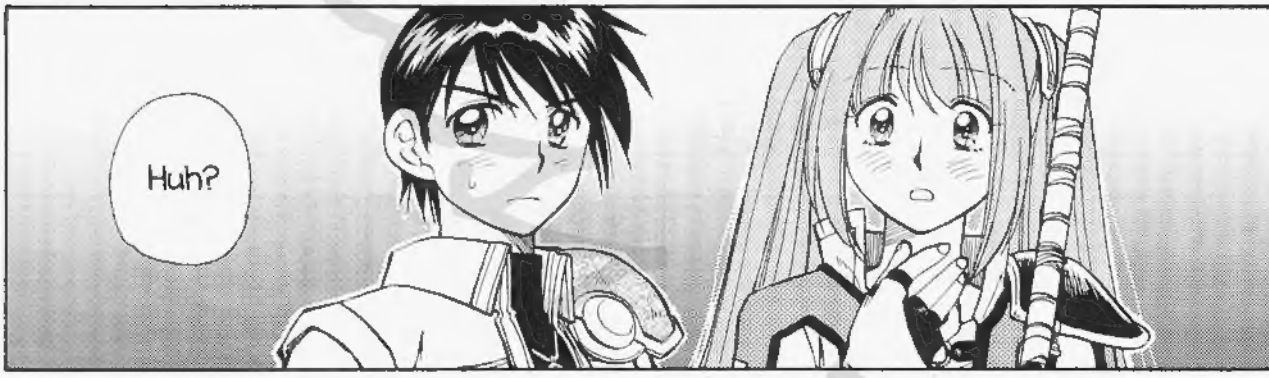
Huh?

Man, it's gonna be a pain to explain this to you...
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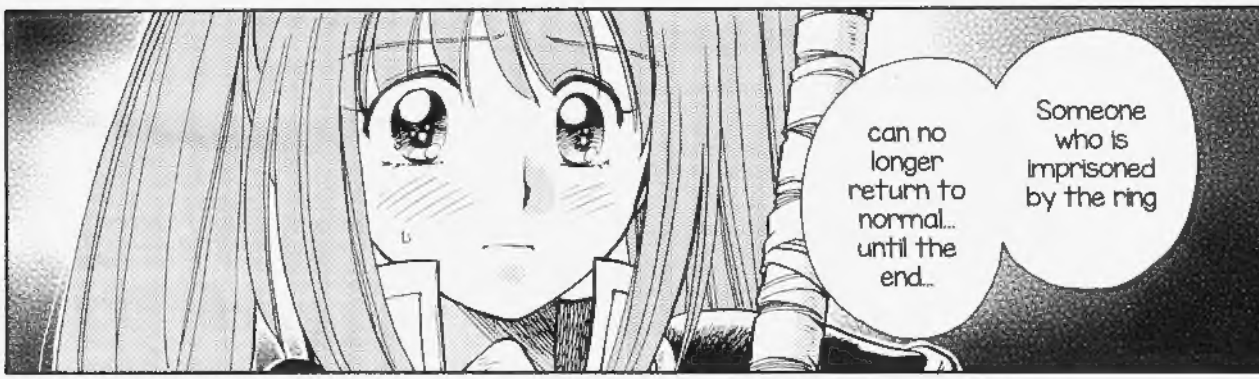
あんたでしょ
I know that, but...
why would something like that...
あれ？...
もしかして
You haven't been told yet, Estelle?
An artifact.
Mysterious relics said to have been made by the ancient Zemurian civilization.
They're sometimes found in old ruins.
But some of them still hold great power.

No, I think I finally trust them.
He wouldn't be put down by
hypnosis or drugs.
But... I only half believe it...
はぁーー...
Anyway... this information comes from people who do believe it... these guys are... well...
It seems that
an artifact is somehow related to this.
And the shape of this artifact is likely-
A "ring."
Our real enemy isn't the jaegers.
It's an artifact that has the power to
steal men's will, increase their strength,
and then grant them death.

It may be better to think that the artifact's power of control can continue even if the ring is removed.
No...
Then it's not, right?
but nobody was wearing anything on their fingers.
I thought it was the same, so I investigated,


can no longer return to normal... until the end...
Someone who is imprisoned by the ring

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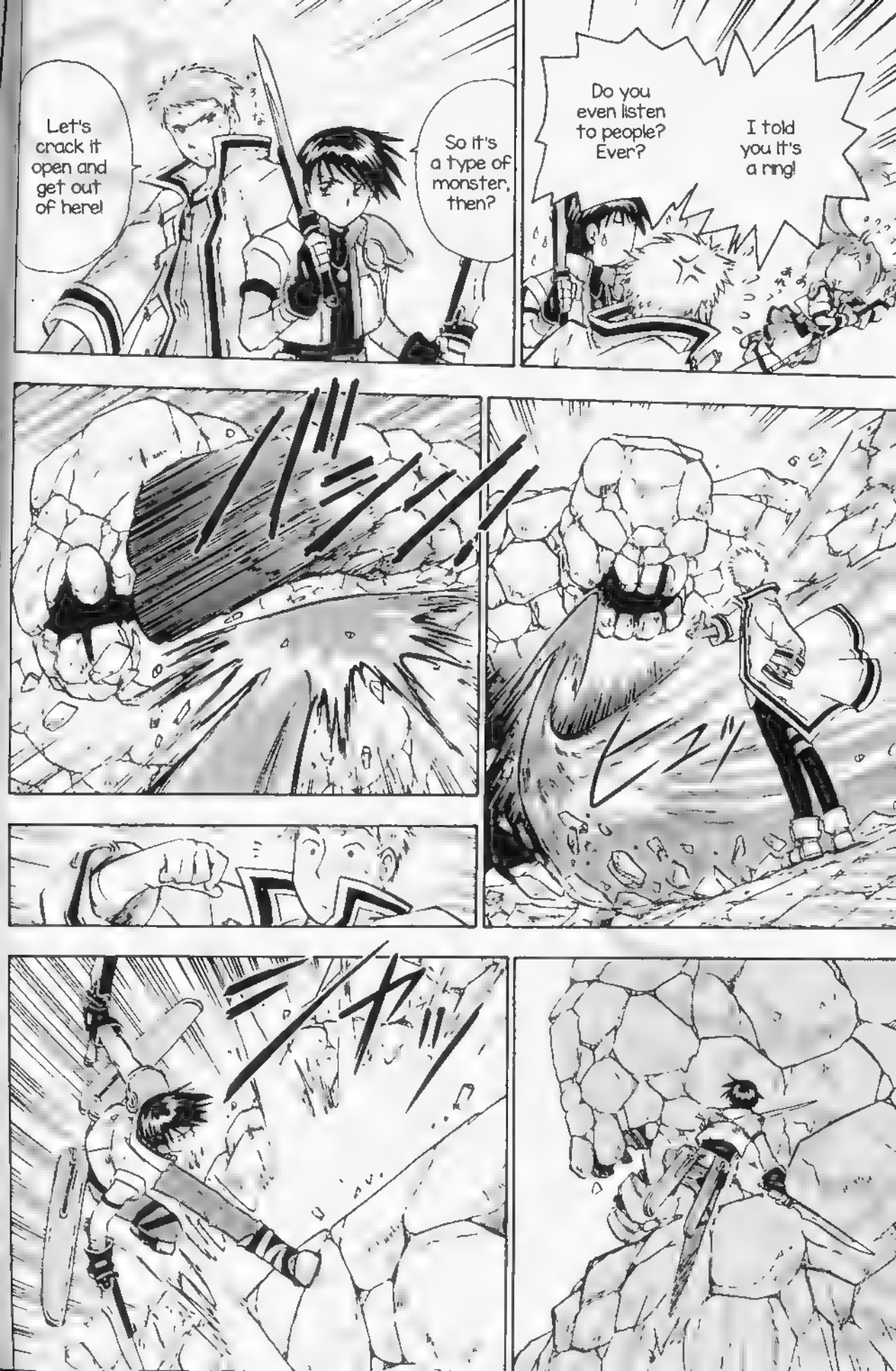
The mayor said that too.
Don't we have enough-

What the hell?!
-wha?
that's an artifact?!
Don't tell me


Let's crack it open and get out of here!
So it's a type of monster, then?
Do you even listen to people? Ever?
I told you it's a ring!

Wah!
Huh?
This isn't an ordinary monster!
Don't underestimate it, Estelle
I thought I had it this time!

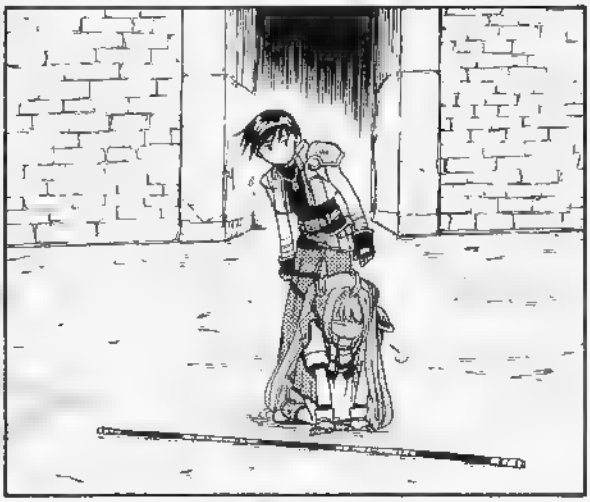
Huh?
ESTELLE!
Joshua! Look!
On his finger!

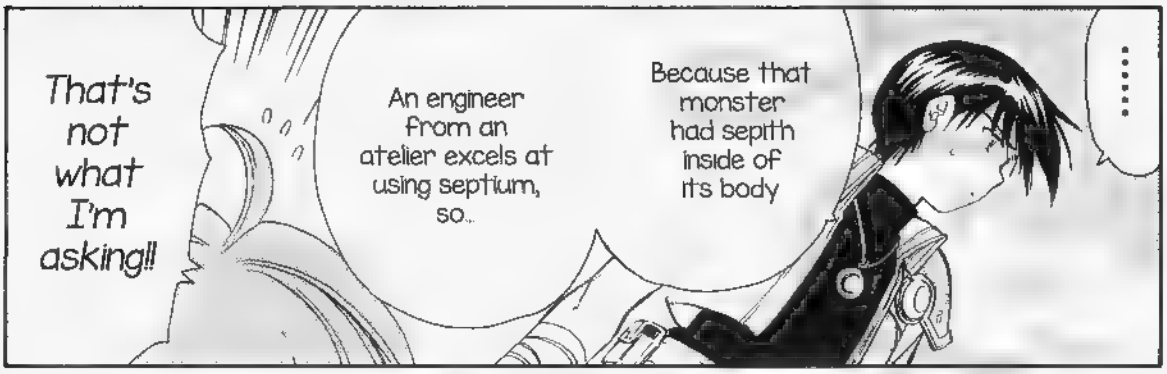
Could it be that he's ill
I could be by Kai's side.
They even use kids!

W-wait!!
What do you two think you're doing?!
This boy
He's Tilia's older brother!
You're Kai, right?
What do you think you're doing here?!
Tilia's waiting for you to come back!!
Come with me, Kai!

Kai!!
Are you listening?!
KAI!!
But Kai!
B-But..
Yeah.
We're pulling out, Estelle!
What?!
Joshua! Let's get outside!

W-
why?!




That's not what I'm asking!!
An engineer from an atelier excels at using septium, so...
Because that monster had septih inside of its body
.....

We have to get Kai out of there!
Come on, Joshua!

Why did we have to leave the cave?!

Estelle!!
WHY?!
That was probably the artifact used by the Jesters.
Did you see the large ring?
Did you see that boy's finger?
So after some time
you know what will happen.
I refuse to watch that.

ばーん!! ばーん!
OW!
we have to save him now, while we still can!
That's why
"After some time," right?!
What the hell are you two talking about?!
I have no idea!!
And how do you plan on saving him?!

That boy is still alive!!
But...
I have to do something!

We can't give up yet!!
We can't...!
Joshua! Tova!!

Estelle?

Estelle...
What are you doing here?
Tilia!!
Estelle...!
It's okay...
My brother...
My brother is...
It's okay, Tilia.
The mayor told me...
I...
I...

Estelle...
I have a favor to ask.
if I looked with my own eyes, but...
I probably won't know
Huh?
The people kidnapped by the jaegers...
The mayor said they can't be helped...

He said that
the color leaves everyone's eyes...

So please,
tell me!
Tell me what color Kai's eyes were!!
指環に囚われたカイの運命は…!?
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What is the fate of Kai, imprisoned by the ring...!?